THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP

Board of Directors

TOWN HALL MEETING

July 25, 2012

MINUTES

THE STATE OF TEXAS **COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY**

The Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township met in special session, open to the public, on July 25, 2012, posted to begin at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in a meeting room at the office of The Woodlands Township, Board Chambers, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

Chairman:

President/General Manager:

Bruce Tough

Don Norrell

Vice Chairman:

Staff/Advisors: Alan Benson

Peggy Hausman

Mary Connell

Karen Dempsey

Secretary: Ed Robb

Taunya Jacques

Miles McKinney

Treasurer:

Mike Page

John Powers

Gordy Bunch

Directors:

Daniel Ringold

Mike Bass

Monique Sharp

Nelda Luce Blair

Bret Strong

Jeff Long

Susan Welbes Renee Williford

1. Pledge of Allegiance;

Chairman Tough called on members of Boy Scout Troop #89 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Texas State flag. Troop members were working on their Citizenship in Community badge and Communication badge.

2. Call meeting to order;

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Chairman Tough called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. and declared that notice of this meeting was posted 72 hours in advance at the Courthouse of Montgomery and Harris Counties and inside the boundaries of The Woodlands Township at the office building located at 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas.

The roll was then called of the duly elected members of the Board with all members present. As there was a quorum of members present, the Board proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

3. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda;

Motion by: Jeff Long moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Second by: Peggy Hausman

Motion passed unanimously.

| Directors | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
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| Tough, Bruce (Chairman | x | | |
| Hausman, Peggy (Vice Chairman) | x | | |
| Robb, Ed (Secretary) | x | | |
| Bunch, Gordy (Treasurer) | x | | |
| Bass, Mike(Director) | x | | |
| Blair, Nelda Luce (Director) | x | | |
| Long, Jeff (Director) | x | | |

4. Recognize public officials;

Chairman Tough recognized all former Board members from The Woodlands Community Associations and The Woodlands Township.

Chairman Tough also recognized Mary Connell, Community Relations Manager for The Woodlands Township, and Nick Wolda, Director of Community Relations for The Woodlands Township, for receiving two Communicator Awards for Creative Excellence.

5. <u>Presentation overview of the 2013 Operating Budget and Five-Year Plan for The Woodlands Township;</u>

Chairman Tough welcomed everyone in attendance and informed the audience that tonight's Town Hall meeting would begin with an overview of the proposed 2013 budget for The Woodlands Township. Following the budget presentation, Chairman Tough announced that the floor would be opened to public comment and discussion. Chairman Tough then called on Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager of Finance & Administration for The Woodlands Township, to provide an overview of the proposed 2013 Budget and Five-Year Plan.

Board of Directors Special Town Hall Meeting July 25, 2012 Ms. Sharp gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered an overview of the Township's current financial condition, budget process, consolidated budget, revenues, expenditures, debt service, capital projects and fund balance. Ms. Sharp began her presentation by sharing with the public that The Woodlands Township is currently in excellent financial condition which is evidenced by a strong business climate that produces substantial sales tax and hotel room tax revenue.

A proposed tax rate of 31.0 cents per \$100 valuation was discussed which would collect approximately \$40.4 million in property tax revenue. Property tax revenue would be used to pay for community policing, covenant enforcement, parks and pathways, aquatics, neighborhood services, garbage collection, community maintenance, administrative services and community relations.

Ms. Sharp stated that 2013 revenues from property tax, sales tax, hotel tax and other sources are projected to be \$92,656,121; 2013 expenditures for the fire department, parks and recreation, community services, law enforcement, capital, debt service, and general services are projected to be \$93,986,133. Ms. Sharp also discussed staff changes for 2013, debt service requirements, capital projects and fund balance.

The final discussion was regarding the budget calendar and budget decisions. Ms. Sharp informed the audience that the Board will adopt the 2013 Budget and 2012 Property Tax Rate during its regular meeting on August 22, 2012. For additional information, Ms. Sharp encouraged residents to visit the Township's website.

6. Public discussions; and

At this time, Chairman Tough opened the floor to public comment and discussion. Approximately fifteen people provided public comment on a variety of topics, including issues with the Township's insurance carrier in response to claims filed related to dead trees, continuation of Alpha & Omega Mounted Patrol services, ordinance making ability to possibly be introduced during the 2013 legislative session, and covenant administration issues.

At the conclusion of public discussion, Chairman Tough thanked all the speakers for their comments.

7. Adjourn

Motion by: Ed Robb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Second by: Peggy Hausman

Motion passed unanimously.

| YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
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Ed Robb

Secretary, Board of Directors